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## **SBA Announces 2012 Small Business Award Winners**

**RICHMOND, Va.** – Nine people have been selected to receive awards from the U.S. Small Business Administration's Richmond, Virginia District Office, at the annual Small Business Awards Luncheon in Richmond, on Friday, May 18. The Richmond District Office territory includes all of Virginia except the counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church which are covered by SBA's Metropolitan Washington District Office.

Each year the President of the United States designates one week as National Small Business Week in recognition of the small business community's contribution to the American economy. The 2012 observance of National Small Business Week is May 20-22 in Washington, D.C. where more than 100 outstanding small business owners from around the country will be honored and the National Small Business Person of the Year will be announced.

Virginia's Small Business Week event, to be held at **The Jefferson Hotel in Richmond on Friday, May 18th**, will honor Virginia's Small Business Persons of the Year along with five other award winners. Nominations for all of the awards were accepted last fall, and winners were selected by an independent panel of judges.

Those to be honored at the annual Small Business Awards Luncheon include:

- **2012 VIRGINIA SMALL BUSINESS PERSONS OF THE YEAR**  
Jonathan L. Hagmaier, C.E.O.; Mary V. Hagmaier, Director of Corporate Relations;  
Matthew Muller, Solutions Architect, Jacob E. Gibson, VP of Business Development  
Interactive Achievement, Inc.  
Roanoke, VA
- **2012 VIRGINIA FINANCIAL SERVICES CHAMPION OF THE YEAR**  
Tanner A. Collins, Jr.  
Senior Vice President & Regional Executive Officer  
REDC Community Capital Group, Inc.  
Richmond, VA
- **2012 VIRGINIA EXPORTER OF THE YEAR**  
Robert Patrick Poellnitz  
Steelmaster Buildings, LLC  
Virginia Beach, VA
- **2012 VIRGINIA VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR**  
Perry C. Casto, Jr., Colonel, U.S. Army (retired)  
Amissville, VA
- **2012 VIRGINIA JEFFREY BUTLAND FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**  
Dennis D. Clem, President  
Clem's Garage, Inc.  
Stephens City, VA

- **2012 VIRGINIA YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR**

Jennifer Leah Jackson, Owner  
River City Cleaning  
Richmond, VA

“The individuals we are honoring on May 18<sup>th</sup> represent the finest traits of American entrepreneurial spirit and we are proud to recognize their accomplishments,” said Jayne E. Armstrong, District Director of SBA’s Richmond, Virginia District Office, congratulating all of the award winners.

For additional information on National Small Business Week festivities, and for a list of winners, visit <http://www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com>. Additional information on the 2012 Virginia Small Business Awards Luncheon is available at [www.sba.gov/va](http://www.sba.gov/va). For more information about all of the SBA’s programs for small businesses, visit the SBA’s extensive web site at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).

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